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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION: APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF
COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO
THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE
CRESCENTA VALLEY DOG OFF-LEASH AREA PILOT PROJECT
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$300,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for a dog off-leash area in Crescenta Valley Community Regional Park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the proposed project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with Sections 15303 and 15304 of the State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Classes 3 and 4 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the actions consist of construction of a new small facility and minor alterations to land.
2. Approve the allocation of \$300,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Crescenta Valley Park Dog Off-Leash Area Pilot Project.

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3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County, to accept the grant funds, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, the project agreement, amendments and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to receive a grant in the amount of \$300,000 of County Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, for the Crescenta Valley Park Dog Off-Leash Area Pilot Project. This funding is available through the County of Los Angeles Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996.

The proposed project is located in the northwest section of Crescenta Valley Community Regional Park, adjacent to the parking lot and will cover approximately 1.5 acres. The proposed project includes construction of two entry ways, leading into separate areas for small and large dogs; dog hose-off areas; walkways; installation of drinking fountains and water faucets for the dogs; decomposed granite and cedar chip surfacing; landscaping; irrigation; restriping and improvements of the existing parking lot to meet the current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards; a six-foot-high chain link fence; signage; benches; shade coverings; and trash receptacles.

In a related action on today's agenda, the Regional Park and Open Space District is recommending allocation of \$300,000 of County Excess Funds to the Department for the Crescenta Valley Park Dog Off-Leash Area Pilot Project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Children, Family, and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2); Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by investing in public infrastructure that will provide enhanced recreational activities to County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant in the amount of \$300,000 is budgeted in the Fifth Supervisorial District portion of the County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund.

Operating Budget Impact

The recommended actions will result in an estimated \$16,000 annual increase in operating revenue from the issuance of dog off-leash area permits. This increase will be incorporated into the Department's FY 2011-12 Proposed Budget request.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that funds allocated to agencies under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 be expended or committed prior to the allocation of Excess Funds. The Department has met this requirement. In each year, 80 percent of the available Excess Funds shall be allocated by the Board for capital projects pursuant to Section 24 of the 1996 Proposition.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Board Letter as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections 15303 and 15304 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 3 and 4 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves construction of a new small facility and minor alterations to land.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any current services or projects at Crescenta Valley Community Regional Park.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



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c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
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